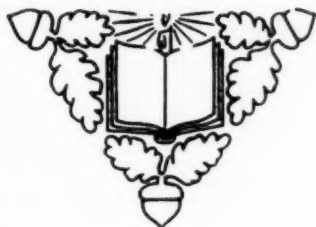


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NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN . . .

At the June 1958 convention of the American Booksellers Association, when booksellers, publishers, authors and critics met in Atlantic City for the largest meeting in ABA's history, the occasion was particularly well furnished in thought-provoking speeches. Arkansas is proud of a former University president, Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, now president of Rutgers University, who was asked to deliver the keynote address.

The book business is a serious business, with much more at stake than a few thousand dollars worth of profit and loss, valuable as that may be in any financial venture. Dr. Jones spoke about "The Bookseller as Educator", and emphasized that education is not just the quantitative turning out of engineers, chemists, physicists and other scientists in order to increase the gross national product or to match Russian output in the same field, but is the development of "men and women living to the fullest bent of their individual capacities. . . .

"It is the individual who is sacred," Dr. Jones said, "in the society of which he is a part. Conformity, adaptation, the perfect adjustment to the group—these have perhaps been too much a part of the credo of American education."

Stressing the individuality of books he called bookselling "a high calling, perhaps as impossible of accomplishment as the calling of teachers. . . . As an educator, the bookseller serves a selected student body—the adult members of our society who understand that the process of growing never stops. . . . My best wish for all of you is that you learn, in the course of your own calling, as we attempt at a university to learn what the purpose of each of your students is, and with subtlety and wisdom to find the curriculum of books which will serve the individual purpose which brought the men and the women to

the institution of continuing education which each of you conducts."

Arkansas' Senator J. William Fulbright, who was University president before he was elected to the United States Senate, has accomplished much for international education. His ideas are important to all concerned with the diffusion of knowledge through books. We quote directly from a speech which he made in the U. S. Senate on January 23, 1958:

"There is little doubt that we will meet the immediate problem of missiles and satellites. But the real challenge we face involves the very roots of our society. It involves our educational system, the source of our knowledge and cultural values.

"Yet, as things now stand in America, there is no particular incentive for young people to exert themselves to achieve excellence in intellectual attainment. Our students can leave school with a minimum of learning and still be reasonably sure of a life of relative ease and luxury. Truck drivers, brick-layers, and factory workers often receive a higher income than professors; an Elvis Presley makes more than the President of the United States. Of a piece with this, there is no particular prestige attached to intellectual attainment in America. A man's success or status is measured not so much by the ideas he may have developed or his service to the community. It is measured, rather, by the size of his home, the number and the vintage of the cars he owns, and where he spends his vacation.

"Not only should we provide more money for education as a whole, but we should also reform our basic ideas about elementary and secondary education. We must emphasize the rigorous training of the intellect rather than the gentle cultivation of the personality which has been so popular in recent years.

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Dedicatory prayer by the Rev. Herbert B. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Harrison, who gave the invocation at opening ceremonies for the new regional library in Harrison, June 22.

PRAYER FOR A NEW LIBRARY

Our Heavenly Father, we would beseech Thee to look with gracious favor upon this our new library.

Look with favor upon this library which is the product of our dreams and of our united efforts.

Look with favor, we pray Thee, that all knowledge may increase among us, and all good learning flourish and abound.

We pray You that the citizens of these counties, in availing themselves to the truth of literature as it has been revealed by the minds of old and of the present,

might glean out the truth of the worth and the dignity of each human personality.

And we would pray You that this principle might be the motivating force of our common life. And we would pray You that we might constantly look as grateful men and women upon You, O God, the source and fountain of all true wisdom; and might the impetus and the growth of learning among us come from THE TRUTH that has been revealed unto us through our sacred religion.

For this wisdom, for this grace in our lives, and for the gratitude which we now feel, we bow our heads in thanks unto You, praying that You would bless us and bless the work of our hands.

Amen.

SIX-COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY BUILDING OPENED AT HARRISON

Citizens of six counties proudly assembled in Harrison Sunday, June 22 to officially open their new \$30,000 North Arkansas Regional Library building and to praise the Women's Book Club of Harrison which organized an area-wide effort to obtain the structure.

The Library will serve residents throughout Baxter, Boone, Carroll, Marion, Newton and Searcy counties through facilities located at Harrison and through those provided by a bookmobile which circulates throughout the region.

More than 4,600 square feet of floor space is available in the building which was constructed of concrete blocks faced with red brick.

Mrs. Lex Moore, president of the Women's Book Club, presided at opening ceremonies in front of the building. Rev. Herbert B. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Harrison, gave the invocation. Mayor Dean Mester and

County Judge Ralph Hudson praised the spirit of the communities which resulted in construction of the Library. Mrs. Merlin Moore of Little Rock, chairman of the state Library Commission, spoke briefly.

Mrs. Ross Fowler, vice president of the Club, presented keys to the building to state Senator Roy Milum of Harrison, chairman of the North Arkansas Regional Library Board, and he turned them over to Mrs. Marion R. Jones, regional librarian.

Mrs. D. E. Fitton, former club president and a long-time worker for better library facilities for North Arkansas, cut the ribbon across the building entrance and several hundred visitors then inspected the new facilities. Many out-of-town librarians and library trustees were present, as well as members of the state Library Commission and staff.

Miss Mary Coffman of Harrison designed the building.

TRUSTEES TRY A NEW WRINKLE



The first workshop for library trustees in Arkansas was held at the Hotel Marion in Little Rock on Friday, April 25. An informative and inspirational meeting, it was undoubtedly a door opener for future

workshops for trustees over the state. Membership in national and state library associations was underlined as a point of front-line consideration for all trustees of libraries, especially chairmen of library boards.

Cecil U. Edmonds, "Mr. Operation Library" himself who is this year chairman of the Trustee Section of the Arkansas Library Association, presided. Highlights of the day's sessions were the opening address by W. R. Smith of Lake Village, a member of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission, and the address on the luncheon program given by Mrs. C. C. Clark, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Library Commission. Both talks presented a provocative and stimulating

synthesis of the library's role in the cultural development of the community and of its individual citizens.

A morning group discussion gave opportunity for small groups to talk over questions of common concern.

The consensus of opinion apparently had it that trustees at this first statewide workshop gained a better insight as to their job and the importance of their work when properly conducted at the local level.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN ARKANSAS

By Freddy Schader*

National Library Week was very successfully observed all over Arkansas. Literally columns and columns of newspaper clippings, enough to more than fill four bulletin boards, poured into the Arkansas Library Commission to show how libraries, businesses, churches, clubs, schools, and homemakers cooperated and communicated to get the slogan "Wake Up and Read" before the entire population. Newspapers, radios, television stations, displays, and window decorations, all helped to focus attention on books and reading.

The Jonesboro Sun had a full page devoted to National Library Week with pictures of the library, a branch library, the bookmobile and outstanding dates in the history of the Craighead County Library. The page was sponsored by forty public spirited business firms. Editorials in many city and county papers dealt with the growth of library service in each particular area. The El Dorado Daily News carried a series of answers by local citizens to the questions, "Why do you read? What do you read? When do you read?"

Progress in library expansion was noted in many parts of the state. Ground breaking ceremonies were held in West Memphis on March 19 for their new \$20,000 building. Hostesses from the Jaycette organization were on hand wearing perfect circle skirts with a hemline notation reading "National Library Week — Visit West Memphis March 19th". During the week Mr. David Clift from the

American Library Association office attended a ceremony honoring Mr. Cecil Edmonds, originator of Operation Library.

At the headquarters of the Cleburne - Independence Regional Library, patrons were enjoying their newly completed library in Batesville in an annex to the Courthouse. DeWitt celebrated with an Open House the formal opening of their new public library that was built with subscriptions from local townspeople. The Wilson Branch Library moved into newer and larger quarters, while the new Turrell Branch Library was opened in a Quonset hut, sharing quarters with the City Hall.

In Marion, Arkansas, the first meeting of the Crittenden County Library Board was held during National Library Week. Since Mississippi County agreed to extend library service to Crittenden County, both counties will receive visits on regular schedule from a federally purchased bookmobile. Plans for the new annex to the Crittenden County Courthouse have been enlarged to include a county library room. White and Woodruff Counties, through unifying their service, have been able to extend books and materials to all rural areas in both counties.

Schools and young people helped celebrate National Library Week in many ways. Groups of children visited the Jackson County Library in Newport for a story hour. Open House was held at the Fayetteville

*Miss Schader served as secretary of the Arkansas National Library Week Committee.

City Library all week for students in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades and 1,035 students visited the library. The schools provided transportation for one classroom and teacher at a time. Almost 3,000 books were loaned for home reading. In Paragould the Diversified Occupation Class chose the library instead of an industry to visit during National Library Week.

At the Plainview-Rover School, both elementary and high school students took part on a panel discussing advantages of the library at the P.T.A. Meeting. In Harrison Mrs. Marion Jones and Mrs. D. G. Griffiths attended the Carroll County Teachers' Meeting and talked about library service in that area. In Piggott Brownie Troops delivered library books to shut-ins and people who could not come to the library for reading material.

All sorts of displays emphasizing National Library Week were shown in all sorts of places. Besides the usual books, book jackets, posters,

braille and talking books were on display in most of the county libraries. In McGehee a bound volume of **World War I—Stars and Stripes** was presented and displayed in the library by the American Legion Auxiliary. Perhaps the most unusual display was a living room scene at Clarksville in the Palace Drug Store window depicting the theme, "Wake Up and Read". Live models from the Clarksville High School played the role of the family reading together.

All these ideas, displays, and widespread interest in National Library Week did not just happen but came about through the planning and enthusiasm of many librarians and library-interested citizens in Arkansas. The Citizens' Committee was headed by Dr. Matt Ellis of Hendrix College in Conway, ably assisted by Miss Florene Jordan, chairman of the Librarians' Group. Already librarians are looking ahead to swapping ideas that have been used in other areas for next year's National Library Week which will be held April 12-18, 1959.

ACHIEVEMENT OF A COMMUNITY

By Mildred B. Hampton*

A memorable occasion for DeWitt and the surrounding area was an open house for the new public library of DeWitt during National Library Week on Thursday, March 20, 1958, 2:30 till 7 p.m. Friends of the library, interested citizens and school children visited the library on this occasion. DeWitt Jaycees and their wives acted as hosts and hostesses, and members of the DeWitt Library Board served at the registration desk and welcomed visitors.

Among the out of town guests were state librarian Mrs. Karl Neal, Mrs. Anne Jackson, Miss Freddy Schader, and Mrs. Franklin Yost, all of the Arkansas Library Commission, Little

Rock; Mrs. Mildred S. Roman of Crowley, La.; and Mrs. G. L. Sanders of Memphis, Tennessee. Persons in attendance expressed great pride in the recent accomplishment of the DeWitt community — the attractive \$21,000 brick structure located at the corner of Maxwell Avenue and Adams Street in DeWitt. Guests were presented souvenir book-marks with the slogan for National Library Week—"For a Better Read—Better Informed America—Wake Up and Read."

The florists of DeWitt furnished lovely floral centerpieces for desk and refreshment table, and corsages to the hostesses and to members of the

*Mrs. H. E. Hampton, who formerly served as librarian, is now a member of the board of the DeWitt Public Library.



Library Board. Floor baskets and other arrangements of cut flowers were sent by individuals and business firms, all of which added to the attractive appearance of the library interior. Congratulatory telegrams were received from Representative W. F. Norrell, and from the Mayor and City Council of DeWitt.

Landscaping of the grounds has been a recent project of the Green Thumb Garden Club of DeWitt, adding greatly to the beauty of the library. Memorial gifts totaling \$6,000 were given to the Library Building Fund in memory of the late John A. Smith by heirs of the estate, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Scougale of DeWitt; Mrs. Mildred S. Roman, Miss Viola Smith, Mrs. Wayne Thomson, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Hundley, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith of Crowley, La.; and Mrs. G. P. Jacks of Odessa, Texas.

Furnishings which have been given to the library as memorial gifts to date are: a charging desk given by Mrs. Mildred S. Roman and Miss Viola Smith in memory of their nephew, John A. Smith; two reading

tables and chairs by friends in memory of T. B. Hudson; a reading table by Ted Muller in memory of Quinn LaFargue, Sr.; a card catalogue cabinet in memory of Lee Hampton by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hampton; two reading tables and chair by friends in memory of W. H. Davis, Sr. Other gifts recently given include a dictionary and stand by Ted Muller of DeWitt, a library table by the Student Council of the DeWitt High School, and a step stool by the DeWitt Home Demonstration Club.

Mrs. George E. Pike, president of the DeWitt Library Board, Mrs. T. B. Hudson and Mrs. Bruce Kendall, who serve as librarians, the DeWitt Jaycees who carried out on a local level their state-wide project, "Operation Library", and citizens of the community again wish to thank all who helped to make a dream come true, a permanent home for their public library! This was accomplished without benefit of county, state, or federal funds, through voluntary subscriptions from individuals and business firms in a campaign carried out in a remarkably short period of time under the leadership of the

Jaycees and a Steering Committee composed of DeWitt business men and farmers of the community.

From a humble beginning, a "Bring a Book" tea sponsored by the Mothers Club of DeWitt in 1926, through constant dedication to a cause by

many individuals — one shining example among many being Mrs. C. N. Ruffin of DeWitt—and through loyal cooperation of civic and fraternal organizations, the public library of DeWitt has become an asset to the cultural life of the community.

5-COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY IS PROPOSED

By Marjorie W. Crabaugh*

The Regional Library for Pope, Yell and Logan Counties will move one step closer to reality in early July when ground will be broken for the Arkansas River Valley Regional Library at Dardanelle. Plans for the building have been accepted by Judge Morris Moore of Yell County and the Arkansas Library Commission. Yell county is paying the total cost of the regional building, with Pope and Logan, the other participating counties, providing the buildings for their branch libraries.

The new regional librarian, Mrs. Calvin H. Snow, reported for work as of July 1. Until the completion of the building one of her principal duties will be to map out bookmobile services for the counties. The bookmobile, which will be purchased with federal funds, will carry the library service to the smaller communities on a regular schedule.

The regional board, which was organized last week, elected Sheriff Van C. Pennington, Paris, as chairman, and Mrs. Alfred J. Crabaugh, Russellville, as treasurer. Mrs. Snow will act as secretary. Other county representatives on the regional board are: S. C. Tucker, Danville; Mrs. Winnie Lowe, Briggsville; Mrs. Howard W. Markley, Booneville; and Clifton Franks, Russellville.

Mrs. Merlin Moore, chairman, and Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary, of the Arkansas Library Commission, met with the county boards of the three counties last week and outlined plans for the new regional library. Federal and state aid will be used to

set up the two-year demonstration period of the regional unit, furnishing an \$8,000 bookmobile, salaries for the regional librarian, clerk and driver for the bookmobile, and \$10,000 for the basic book collection.

Representatives from Johnson county, now a part of the Ozarks Regional Library, the first regional library established in the state, were present and heard Mrs. Moore's proposal that their county and Franklin county, the other member of the Ozarks Regional, come into the Arkansas Valley Regional organization, making a five-county regional group. In this way, Mrs. Moore said, federal aid could be extended to a three-year period and an additional \$5,000 added to the basic book collection fund. She pointed out that the five counties made a compact geographical unit that could be economically served by the bookmobile service and, that after three years when federal funds are exhausted, the income from the one-mill tax of the five counties could more adequately support a sound regional organization.

An invitation to join the Arkansas River Valley Regional Library was extended to Franklin and Johnson counties by the three county boards. Franklin county, which was not represented at the meeting, and Johnson county will act on the invitation early in July. If the two new counties join the regional library as already established, Judge Morris Moore promised that a larger headquarters library will be built at Dardanelle.

*Mrs. Alfred Crabaugh is treasurer of the 3-County Regional Library Board.

Library service, according to the American Library Association, can best serve a population center of 100,000 people. Pope County with 23,291, Yell with 14,057, Logan with 20,260, Franklin with 12,358, and Johnson with 16,138 people would bring the total population up to approximately 86,000. Estimated income for 1958 for support of the regional library in the Arkansas River Valley Regional area and the county and branch libraries would be approximately \$30,000 annually. For three years the only costs for the regional library would be minor upkeep, building expense and the purchase and upkeep of a station wagon. Individual county units would have the major part of the one-mill tax for improving and expanding the main county libraries and branch units. Each county has or will receive a bonus of 35 cents per capita to be used for a basic book collection.

County libraries will remain as district units, regulating their activities and dispensing their own funds with the exception of a pro-rated amount which will go into the Regional Library fund. Each county board will

have a clerk-librarian who will work under the supervision of the Regional librarian, Mrs. Snow, and as many branch librarians as funds allow.

Although school libraries will be expected as in the past to maintain libraries for use of students, the regional library will furnish books for supplemental work.

Mrs. Snow's office will be temporarily in the Yell County Court House until the new building is completed. Present plans call for a 40 x 80 foot building of stucco and native stone which will house 38,000 books of the regional library and library space for the Dardanelle unit. It will be located on the Yell County Court House land, east of the Court House and facing south. If Franklin and Johnson counties elect to join the original regional group of three counties, the building will be greatly enlarged.

In addition to the revenue from the one-mill tax each county by virtue of being a member of a multi-county unit will receive substantial additional sums from federal and state sources.

BOOKS AS GIFTS

Julius T. Garner of Nashville, owner and proprietor of the Hotel Garner, has built for himself a solid reputation over the last twenty odd years as a giver of books. Since 1932 it has been his custom to present to students at Nashville High School a standard book of etiquette at the beginning of their senior year. His current selection for the Nashville seniors is Lillian Eichler Watson's **New Standard Book of Etiquette**. He has presented 3,000 gift copies of this book to outgoing students to date. He has also presented gift copies of **Etiquette, Jr.**, by Mary E. Clark and Margery Quigley, to various groups of younger persons. Mr. Garner formerly gave copies of

Frederick J. Haskins' **Questions and Answers** as gift books to the high school seniors of Nashville.

Resident of Nashville for 40 years, he is the son of the late T. J. and Hope Haynes Garner. The Haynes family were Pike countians. The father, T. J., built the present Hotel Garner brick structure at Nashville in 1908. A frame building had been erected in 1900 on the same site.

Brother of the Nashville hotel owner is Claude Garner, author of **Cornbread Aristocrat and Wetback**. Two sisters are Mrs. Claud Durrett of Little Rock and Mrs. John C. Wepfer of Magnolia.

NEW PROGRAM STIMULATES WIDESPREAD LIBRARY INTEREST

By Hazel H. Deal*



The Washington County Library made a small survey last fall and found that almost half of the elementary school children in Fayetteville and Springdale had never been inside their public library. That started us thinking and planning for some way to introduce the library to these children and at the same time to stimulate reading interest among the rest of them. A wholesale "visitation" plan seemed the best solution so we took the idea to the superintendents and principals for discussion. They gave enthusiastic support to it and urged us to carry on with the idea. They are engaged in an intensive reading program in the schools and this fitted in well with their work.

The first phase took place in November during National Book Week when 1,200 children in the Spring-

dale elementary schools visited the Springdale Public Library. They came, one room with the teacher at a time, by school bus for a one-hour period. The buses delivered the second group as they picked up the first one for return to school, so there was no break in the schedule during the day. We were able to take six groups per day for five straight days. The time was carefully planned to make the visit both a pleasure and a learning experience for the children. On their arrival they were seated and the librarian talked to them for about 10 minutes, explaining the rules of the library, the method of checking out books, the location of their books on the shelves, and the card catalog (to those in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades). Then they were free to look at books and ask questions for the rest of the time. New visitors were registered and permitted to

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check out one book. Those already having library cards could check up to three books. We had to limit the number of books for each child for fear our shelves would be bare before the week was over. Incidentally we have not lost books, as many predicted, and the pleasure of the children at being allowed to take home a book that day was well worth the risk.

The second "visitation" was held in March when 1035 children in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades in the Fayetteville schools visited the Fayetteville Public Library. The plan was the same as followed in November. Two weeks later we had the 750 children in the Wing Schools of Springdale visit the Springdale Public Library. These visits coincided with National Library Week and were our observance of that event. Since that time we have had the 5th and 6th grades from the University Training School and eight rooms of 2nd and 3rd graders in the Fayetteville schools to visit the Fayetteville Public Library. Altogether we estimate we have had about 3,300 elementary school children visit the two libraries on a planned "visitation" program, during this school year.

In order to take care of the children we shifted staff from the headquarters and other branches for the duration of a visitation period. And we called on our friends for help. First we turned to the Jaycees and they gave willing and valuable aid. It appealed to them as a worthwhile project, it took no money, only time, and it gave them good publicity and material for the committee "Operation Library" to use. They were assigned the responsibility of loading and unloading the school buses and giving the children safe conduct into the library and of handling all registration of children. They supplied two men per hour for every day of the program and it was surprising how many Jaycees had never been into the library before. The publicity for the library among these

young business men was a byproduct of great value to us.

We also called on another friendly group for help, the Women's Civic Club. They supplied two women for each half-day during the time. They were stationed at the card catalog and at the shelves, to answer questions at those spots, leaving more staff members free to check out books and handle the more difficult questions. And here again we found many who had not been in the library before and who became, we hope, new friends and supporters for our program.

We had almost daily newspaper stories and radio spot announcements during each "visitation" period and two 15-minute TV programs, one by four 5th graders who went straight from the library to the station, books in hand and eyes sparkling with interest in what they had seen within the library. They made excellent little performers. The mayor and chief of police in both towns were cooperative by reserving special parking space for the school buses. To tell the truth, everyone called on responded wholeheartedly and with praise for the activity of the library. Long before each week was over the whole town knew that something special was happening at the library. You can't move 1,200 children around without attracting attention and creating a stir. The regular patrons of the library were patient at being pushed into the background and having to give up the use of the library for study during the time.

The results of the program were immediate and far-reaching and caused quite a ripple in adult service, too. During the month of March both registration and circulation of books soared, and they have continued above normal level. The library board is delighted with the public response as well as with the increase in service. We feel it has been excellent for public relations. As the children have returned to the library bringing their registration cards

signed by a parent, they have frequently been accompanied by one or both parents and they, too, have become library users.

The teachers and school administrators are so pleased that they have asked if we will make it an annual affair for the fourth graders in every school. By taking that grade each year we can make sure that most of the children learn where to find the public library and what it has to offer them. We are finding day by day that there is a renewed interest in the library and in reading. It has been much easier to present the Summer Reading Program this year and

we confidently expect a large participation in it.

It takes a lot of work to carry out the "visitation" plan on a large scale, but it doesn't cost anything and most of us have more time than money. We believe it is far more effective when done on a large scale rather than piecemeal. The children are more interested; and when a visitation is in full swing it attracts a lot of attention. The people on the streets see the coming and going of the children and some adults make a special trip to the library just to observe the activity, even though they realize we haven't time to serve them properly.

GRANT ANNOUNCED FOR PILOT DEMONSTRATION OF "CATALOGING IN SOURCE"

The Council on Library Resources, Inc., has announced a grant of \$55,000 to enable the Library of Congress to undertake, with the support of the American Library Association and with the cooperation of the book publishing industry, a pilot demonstration of the pre-publication cataloging of books (under the name of "cataloging in source") to be carried out over the next year. Should the demonstration be successful, the plan offers the promise of substantial savings in cataloging costs to individual libraries, as well as other advantages.

"Cataloging in source," it was explained, consists in printing in the books themselves the information needed by librarians—and others—to catalog the books. This requires that the books be cataloged **before** they are published rather than subsequently, as is done now. But, in order that the cataloging information printed in the book be useful to librarians, it will be necessary that the books be cataloged in accordance with the standards used by the libraries which will be the principal consumers of the information. This will require that the cataloging be

done under the supervision of representatives of these consumers. The Library of Congress, which since 1901 has been selling to other libraries copies of the catalog cards which it prepares for its own use, will itself catalog the books for the pilot demonstration.

If cataloging in source proves feasible, and can be extended to the majority of books acquired by libraries, it is anticipated that it may save large sums of money and expenditure of effort in cataloging by individual libraries. It is also anticipated that it may measurably expedite the processes by which books are made available for use after their receipt in libraries. In addition, it is expected that it may provide a device by which booksellers and owners of books can easily arrange their collections in accordance with standardized shelf-classification schemes; and the possible use of shelf-classification symbols as order numbers will also be explored. Finally, by providing a standardized bibliographic description or "entry" for each book, it may tend to simplify and standardize the

form of title by which books are cited.

It is obvious that to catalog books prior to publication and to print the cataloging information in the books offers considerable difficulties, and the importance of the project may be measured by the willingness of those

concerned to try to overcome these difficulties. A considerable degree of cooperation from book publishers will be necessary if the plan is to be feasible. Preliminary inquiries have found that many publishers have offered to provide such cooperation in an attempt to make the plan work.

SOUTHERN STATES WORK CONFERENCE, DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA JUNE 9-13, 1958

SCHOOL LIBRARY COMMITTEE

By Anne Jackson*

The school library study group of the Southern States Work Conference met June 9-13 at Daytona Beach, Florida. The Conference meets annually for the purpose of studying the educational problems and trends in the southern states. A committee was appointed in 1957 to serve on a three-year exploration program of the existing library services in the schools of these states. The state committees representing Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia have spent the past year working on the plan of study suggested by the 1957 library committee.

At the first session of the 1958 meeting of the Committee on Library Study, Monday, June 9, reports on this first year's work were given. Seventy-five members, including librarians, library supervisors and consultants, administrators, classroom teachers and library school representatives registered for the Conference and participated in the discussion. The theme of the outline developed for study in 1957 was "What is a Good School Library and What Does it do for Boys and Girls?" The state chairmen made summaries of the work done in their home states showing that in most cases these com-

mittees had developed questionnaires and had gathered descriptive accounts of good school library practices on the areas outlined by the 1957 conference.

During the discussion that followed the reports these observations were made:

1. It was found important that material reach the right people for reliable responses.
2. The state groups seem to have found the over-all organization of the study as outlined in 1957 satisfactory.
3. Time should be assigned so that sub-groups may examine reports of work done during the year 1957-1958.
4. Bookmobile service to schools should be considered.
5. Scholarship grants and other recruitment practices need to be studied.

Divided into four small groups for intensive study of the work that had been done, the committee recommended for the second year program: 1. That in the field of pre-service and in-service training each state make a survey of all courses in teaching methods and curriculum offered by its institutions. 2. That each state de-

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scribe in-service education experience provided to faculty members of local institutions which further the utilization of knowledge and skills in instructional materials, printed, audio and visual. 3. That lists be made of any plans the state institutions may have for modifying and improving the education of teachers, administrators and supervisors in the utilization of knowledge and skills in instructional materials. 4. That notation be made of future plans for utilization of instructional materials.

The group assigned to study existing patterns of library service found that the states had covered this subject thoroughly. A variety of patterns were described, with strong and weak features listed. A continuation of the study is to be made during the year 1958-1959 with emphasis on long-term projects for future library services.

One of the Arkansas sub-committees made a survey of services being offered by school libraries and those services the schools would like to receive. The results as reported by this group show increasing improvement in service of the past. All reporting schools felt that better service could be given if more professional services of librarians, larger staffs and more adequate supply of materials were available. A need for the librarian's individual assistance to teacher and student was evident. In some cases students had asked for reading and discussion clubs in relation to library service.

Arkansas school libraries were represented at the Southern States Work Conference by Marguerite Goodloe, primary teacher, Arkadelphia, and Mrs. Anne Jackson, high school library consultant, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock.

J. F. Wahl, Superintendent, Helena-West Helena Public Schools, is chairman of the Arkansas over-all committee of the SSWC. Members of the Arkansas library committee, other than those attending the conference, are: Mrs. J. A. Eubank, New-

port; Mrs. T. M. Mills, Elaine; Mrs. Myrtis Jones, Stuttgart; Mrs. Foster Norton, Hickory Ridge; Mrs. John Lowe, Fourche Valley School, Briggsville; Mrs. Lyle Condell, Little Rock; Mrs. Bob Click, Texarkana; Mrs. L. W. Mansaur and Mrs. John Sinclair, Lake Village; Mrs. Y. E. Eldridge, Bentonville; and Miss Erma Chastain, Fort Smith.

"Now is the Time for All Good Men" (Continued from Page 3)

"If we are to play the role of a leader among nations, in truth if we are to retain our independence, we must have men and women who can read, write, and speak effectively and who understand thoroughly the world in which we live. Courses in life adjustment and coed-cooking will not do the job. Mathematics, languages, the natural sciences, and history must once again become the core of the curriculum, and a way must be found to induce the students to study, preferably by inducing a desire to learn.

There will be those among us who will say, "But education takes too long and we do not have the time; our efforts must be devoted to missiles and outer space." This is truly the counsel of despair and disaster. The start toward improvement in education must be now; it should have been yesterday."

Some challenging remarks by Elmo Roper, marketing and opinion analyst when he addressed the 1958 ABA convention, will help to bring these issues straight home to us:

"You and I, and most of the people we spend time with from day to day, belong to the FSM. The FSM's are a small, select group of the population. The initials, FSM, of course, stand for Facile Symbol Manipulators.

"Spoken words are symbols that substitute for things and ideas. Reading is hard work. We FSM's tend to forget that fact. Reflect for a moment on the size of the book-reading public in comparison with

the publics for radio, television, motion pictures, comic books and picture magazines—media that do not require the facile manipulation of printed symbols. Harold Guinzburg, president of the American Book Publishers Council, recently reported that 'Americans currently spend more money on repairs to their radio and television sets than they do on all kinds of books.'

"Baseball has folk status in our society. So does show business, and so also does business management. But what about intellectual achievement? Does it have comparable folk status in our society? I think that you will agree with me that it does not.

"There is no widespread folk tradition that seeks out and trains and sponsors and takes pride in exceptional intellectual talent. There are no 'little leagues' of the mind. It is good if a child gets high grades on his report card: but beyond that, a love of abstract ideas, a thirst for knowledge, a gnawing intellectual curiosity—these are more likely to be regarded as worrisome symptoms than as promising abilities. We cling to the old wives' tale that the highly intelligent are especially prone to neurosis or insanity. We chuckle at the observation regarding college professors that 'them that can does and them that can't teaches.' And note that we seem to like especially the bad grammar in this canard.

"We can hardly blame the students if they think that if they can just get that sheepskin, their education will be complete—done. They pick up that illusion from adults. And adults, at least the intelligent adults, should know better.

"Where does a potentially great chemist or mathematician or novelist or historian or composer get the kind of stimulation, nourishment, motivation, deference from his community that the bush league pitcher or the high school quarterback gets? The question itself seems ludicrous. Our grass roots society simply does not

recognize or promote or value or respond to intellectual achievement and the intellectual elite are alien to the main stream of American society. They are off to the side in a subsection of esoteric isolation labeled 'odd ball', 'high brow', 'egghead', 'doubledome'.

"Our ribbing of intellectual preoccupation is a well-established American tradition. It has been considered deplorable or good clean fun, depending on your point of view—up until about a year ago. But there has been a change. Let me repeat a question that I characterized as ludicrous a moment ago: Where does a potentially great chemist or mathematician or novelist or historian or composer get the kind of stimulation, nourishment, motivation, deference from his community that the bush league pitcher or the high school quarterback gets? You know the answer, and that answer is stark and practical and dangerous and, I think, more than a little humiliating. The intellectually talented are nurtured and recognized in this way in Communist Russia—in, of all places, one of the worst police states in the history of mankind! And I hardly need to add that it is paying off—for them!

"The United States must experience an intellectual renaissance or it will experience defeat. For the most unpleasant of reasons, the nurturing of intellectual excellence is no longer optional. The search for wisdom and the love of knowledge for its own sake can no longer be left to a gifted and stubborn few of our own people together with the great intellectuals that foreign dictators have hounded out of their own countries and to our shores.

"It is not enough to pluck a few bright adolescents out of their home communities and to plunge them into a frantic few years of intellectual forced feeding in a restricted area of specialization. The intellectual renaissance must begin in the homes of our country. It must become part and parcel of our whole way of life if our full potential is to be realized.

A task of this size obviously cannot be accomplished by any one group. It calls for cooperative endeavor by the schools, the churches, the service clubs and fraternal groups, by trade associations, by individual leaders in government and in business, certainly by all of the media. But with all due regard for the many sources of strength in our society, the greatest single repository of our current achievements lies in good books. Our society needs more learned men and a sine qua non for learned men is the reading of books.

"Reading is not easy. It is—for most—hard. I would suggest that you recognize the achievement represented by reading skill, and feature the status and the rewards that are reserved for those who acquire this skill—a skill which leads to a higher goal—The Learned Man.

"Now to summarize: I have suggested that the business interests of booksellers (and librarians) lie parallel with an important facet of the general public interest in our society. There is an urgent need—in fact a national survival need—for invigorating intellectual life, for upgrading the general regard for intellectual excellence, for broadening the base of intellectual interests—for a renaissance that establishes a genuine folk status for things of the mind—respect for the Learned Man. Booksellers (and librarians) can and should play a significant leadership role in this enterprise. But your efforts may have to be only as a catalytic agent—the force that arouses a half hundred other groups into action. It's a job that's bigger than even your great force."

Do you agree with Mr. Roper?

NEWS NOTES

S. W. L. A. Scholarship Awarded. Miss Ruth Carol Scheerer, of Ruston, Louisiana, was selected to receive the \$750 scholarship offered by the Southwestern Library Association for the academic year 1958-59. She was chosen from a field of 27 applicants by the S.W.L.A. Scholarship-Recruitment Committee, co-chaired by Fleming Bennett and Marvin A. Miller, with Veronica Sieminski, Allie Beth Martin, Frances L. Moak and Ray C. Janeway serving as members.

Because of her having been awarded the Library Binding Institute scholarship of \$1,000 also, Miss Scheerer has relinquished the S.W.L.A. award, and the cash award is to go to Miss Sandra Lee Hodges, of Dallas, Texas, who placed second in the Committee's voting.

Miss Scheerer will attend the School of Librarianship, University of Denver, while Miss Hodges will receive her training at the School of Library Science, Texas Woman's University.

Bookmobile Circulation for the Southwest Arkansas Regional Library, which began May 1, was on

the upswing during May and June. Total circulation for May was 1,554; for June the figure climbed to 2,142. According to June statistics, circulation of children's books had increased 323 over the number for May, while the circulation of non-fiction books for adults showed an increase of 69.

James Arthur Thomas, aged 74, a handle sawyer for Sallee Brothers Handle Co., Pocahtontas, for the past 40 years, died May 12 after a short illness. He is survived by two daughters, including Miss Dathine Thomas, assistant librarian of Randolph County Library; two sons, two brothers, a sister, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

M. C. Hickman, aged 74, retired building contractor and former police and fire chief at Russellville, died April 26. His wife, Mrs. Lucille S. Hickman, has served as librarian of the Russellville public library for several years. He is also survived by two daughters and a sister.

County Judge J. L. Erwin, McGehee, was elected president of the Arkansas Historical Association.

Other officers elected were David D. Terry, Little Rock, 1st vice president; Farrar Newberry, Arkadelphia, 2nd vice president; Col. J. Wesley Sampier, Rogers, 3rd vice president; Mrs. Henry Gingles, Benton, 4th vice president; B. A. Grady, Little Rock; Ralph Rea, Harrison; Daniel Collins, Jonesboro; Annie Laurie Spencer, El Dorado; Dr. H. V. Glenn, Stuttgart; and Paul Wayland, Batesville, board of directors.

In his effort to increase membership, Judge Erwin has asked each member to secure an additional member during the year. He believes that a copy of the association's quarterly, loaned to a friend, or taken to a group meeting, will usually stimulate interest with favorable results. Truly it has been said: "Those neglecting their history may soon have no history to neglect."

Miss Freddy Schader, administrative assistant, Arkansas Library Commission, was elected to membership in Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society. In April she was initiated in absentia into the L.S.U. chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. Mrs. Florri-nell F. Morton, Director of L.S.U. Library School, is currently serving as President of the L.S.U. chapter.

Correction: Fulton County Library's total circulation for 1955-56 amounted to 71,988. This annual circulation figure was erroneously reported in the Commission's Tenth Biennial Report for July, 1955 — June 30, 1957 as 15,024. The 15,024 figure actually represented periodicals and other materials besides books which were circulated.

Miss Presta Ritter, 48, native and former resident of Paragould where she was active in civic and religious affairs, died June 19, in a Los Alamos, N. Mex., hospital after a long illness. She had worked untiringly with the group that established the Greene County Library. She is survived by a brother, Dan Ritter with whom she made her home in Los Alamos, an aunt and an uncle, both of Pittsburg, Kansas.

Mrs. Juanita Barnett, librarian of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, will serve as the 1959 Executive Director of National Library Week for the state of Arkansas.

The Arkansas Library Association this year sponsored a statewide bus trip of librarians, library trustees, and friends to San Francisco to attend the American Library Association meeting July 12-18, 1958. Bus travellers were Mrs. Jessie Bach, Jackson County librarian, Newport; Mrs. Inez Bishop, White-Woodruff Regional librarian, Searcy; Miss Martha J. Blackshear, Alabama State Dept. of Education, Montgomery; Mrs. Jessie Buford, Sheridan High School librarian; Mrs. Marjorie Caldwell, librarian, Little Rock University; Mrs. Vinita Davis, Oklahoma University, Norman; Miss Minnie Dee Gay, Greene County librarian, Paragould; Miss Frances Goodall, Odessa High School librarian, Texas; Mrs. Georgiana Greeson, St. Charles Parish librarian, Hahnville, Louisiana; Mrs. Marvin Harris, Grant County Library trustee, Sheridan; Mrs. Marion Jelks, Little Rock Public reference librarian; Miss Florene Jordan, Columbia-Lafayette Regional librarian, Magnolia; Miss Gladys Krone, Fort Smith Public librarian; Miss Clorene Lowery, Junior High School librarian, North Little Rock; Mrs. Fletcher McElhannon, Clark County Library trustee, Arkadelphia; Miss Elizabeth Malone, Craighead County librarian, Jonesboro; Miss Norah Martin, Randolph County librarian, Pocahontas; Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock; Miss Jackie Poe, bookmobile librarian, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock; Mrs. Hazel Prichard, Hempstead County librarian, Hope; Miss Ayleen Ragland, elementary school principal, Fort Smith; Miss Freddy Schader, administrative assistant, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock; Miss Kathleen Sharp, Osceola High School librarian; Miss Lucille Slater, Union County librarian, El Dorado; Mrs. Pauline

Smith, Dallas County librarian, For-
dyce; Miss Virginia Smith, Arkansas
Library Commission, Little Rock;
Mrs. W. A. Speer, El Dorado; Mrs.
Lethia Stewart, Albuquerque, N.
Mexico; Mrs. Dorothy Sydenstricker,
Arkansas College librarian, Bates-
ville; Mrs. Arch Turner, Spring Hill
High School librarian, Hope; Mrs.
F. S. Walters, No. Heights Junior
High librarian, Texarkana; Miss
Pearl Williamson, Arkansas Library
Commission, DeQueen.

These people joined the Arkansas
group at the meeting: Mrs. Merlin
M. Moore, Little Rock; Mrs. M. L.
Aldridge, Earle; Miss Gwendolyn
Dean, school librarian, Hope; Cecil
Edmonds, trustee, West Memphis;
Miss Wilma Ingram, Scott-Sebastian
Regional librarian, Greenwood; Mrs.
Anne Jackson, Arkansas Library

Commission, Little Rock; Mrs. Dula
Reid, Faulkner-Van Buren Regional
librarian, Conway; Miss Mary Sue
Shepherd, Pulaski County librarian,
Little Rock; Mrs. W. F. Yost, refer-
ence librarian, Arkansas Library
Commission, Little Rock; Miss Elsie
Weisenberger, Houston, Texas.

Following the San Francisco ALA
conference **Mrs. Merlin Moore**, chair-
man of the Arkansas Library Com-
mission, and **Miss Mary Sue Shep-
herd**, Pulaski County librarian, flew
over to Hawaii for a brief vacation
and a visit to the Mid-Pacific Library
Conference held there July 19-25.
Mrs. Moore is currently serving as
president of the American Associa-
tion of Library Trustees, and Mrs.
J. H. Mohr of San Francisco is presi-
dent-elect of the national trustees
organization.

